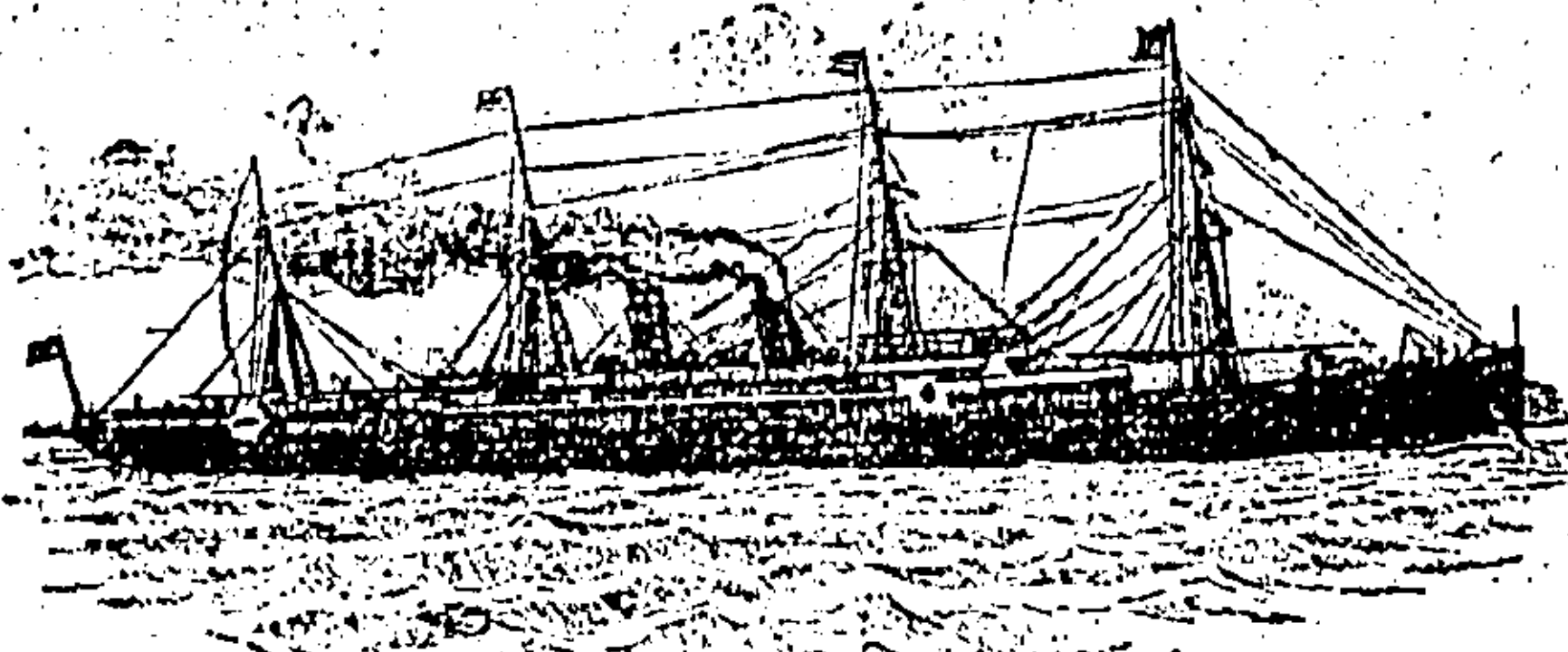


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"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
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"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
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"AMERICA MARU"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
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Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

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R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
AURIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	28th Dec.	Freight.
Scharrschmidt	GENOA AND HAMBURG.	30th Dec.	Freight and Passengers.
STRASSBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	13th Jan. 1903.	Freight.
Malsen	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	27th Jan. 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
NURNBERG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	10th Feb. 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Huburg	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb. 1903.	Freight.
SILESIA	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	10th Feb. 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Hahle	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb. 1903.	Freight.
WUNZBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	10th Feb. 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
W. Hoyer	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb. 1903.	Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	10th Feb. 1903.	Freight.
Fuchs	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb. 1903.	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. F. G. COLLINS, to Sell, by PUBLIC AUCTION, within his residence "Dunford" Mount Kellie, the Peak, on

SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, at 11 A.M.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE BED-STEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASH STANDS and DRESSING TABLES with REVELED GLASS, TEAK-WOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED CHAIRS, TEAK-WOOD OVERMANTLE with REVELED GLASS, DINNER SERVICE, TEA and DESSERT SETS, CUTLERY and GLASSWARE, OLD CHINA VASES, (some of them are from Peking), &c., &c.

ALSO One COTTAGE PIANO by Collard and C. Hard, London, (almost new).

A large Assortment of Plants in Pots. (Refreshments will be supplied during the sale). Particulars as per Catalogue.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1407d]

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1902, at 12 N. ON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION:—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865-1870; and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,

WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

13603]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both Days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1379d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st January, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Dec., 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon; to elect Auditors, and to transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both Days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

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WORKS—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables). TOWN DEPOT—4, Beaconsfield Arcade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European supervision, and the objectionable practices, common to Chinese laundries, of dampening from the mouth and sleeping on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms quoted for gentlemen. Special terms to families on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1308d]

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. G. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,

E. W. ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,

GASTON MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,

TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE, Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK, J. W. TAYLOR, Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, E. F. GROS, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1402d]

LOST.

IN the Lavatory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to—

C/O H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1408d]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND, in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to—

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1367d]

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle from 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD., S. A. SETU, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY, G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1385d]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [1307d]

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THE MANAGER.

[1339c]

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12th October, 1898. [21]

FAMOUS SCIENTIST AT HONGKONG.

DR. ADOLPHUS T. KECKELER.

Dr. Adolphus T. Keckeler, the celebrated scientist and traveller, has been staying at the Hongkong Hotel. He arrived from Manila in the *Rosetta Maru* a few days ago, and is on his way to America via England, where he will lecture at the Universities. This famous son of America, a native of Kentucky, enjoys the advantage of possessing ample means to enable him to pursue his scientific research without aid from any association or society. He has visited almost every country on the globe and made studies of their peoples and the geological construction of the various places. Much of his time has been spent in the study of the origin and development of man, and he has made experiments along this line with the celebrated Darwin. He was also a friend of Dickens, Tolstoy, the Brownings and many other famous men of letters. He has been decorated by Emperor William with the Red Eagle of Germany for a work on science which he read in that country.

CHINESE AND INDIANS.

Dr. Keckeler believes that the Indian and the Chinese races were at one time analogous. Through local conditions and environment, one or both have changed, until their present types have been evolved. He cannot determine whether the yellow man or the red is the original type or which most nearly approaches the original type. As for Christian Science, he considers it an effect of the conditions of the mind. He has studied the subject and connects it with hypnotism. Perhaps the principal work which he has now on hand is the writing of a new volume to be called *The Variability of Thought*. It deals with the effects of thought on the convulsions of the brain and the general influences of higher thinking.

"We know not how we originated," said he to a *Hongkong Telegraph* reporter, "nor whether we are going. When I graduated from the university, I thought I knew a lot but now at the age of three score years and more I know very little."

Dr. Keckeler keeps his years well; he is over six feet tall with a massive frame and is made the more distinguished looking by a snowy white patriarchal beard and hair, while his complexion and brilliant eyes are as youthful as ever. In fact, he bears a striking resemblance to the late John Ruskin.

COAL AT VLADIVOSTOK.

The varieties of coal used at Vladivostok, and in the vicinity are, in the order named, Japanese, Sakhalin, and Cardiff.

The Japanese coal can be landed at Vladivostok at from 11 to 12 rubles (73s. 7d. to 25s. 9d.) per ton, including freight charges—250 to 300 rubles (55s. 5d. to 65s. 6d.) per ton.

Cardiff coal, by far the best and most popular, costs 11 rubles (47s. 6d.) per ton.

Sakhalin coal, delivered at wharf, costs from 13 to 14 rubles (55s. to 56s.) including freight at 3-25 to 4 rubles (65s. 10d. to 85s. 7d.) per ton.

There are several local coal-mines owned by private firms, but the product is not of a superior character; the best is said to be the Startsev mine, in which Messrs. Crompton & Schwabe have a half interest. The Ussuri Railroad Company used this coal until last year; but becoming dissatisfied with the quality, the managers have recently concluded a contract for five years with the prison department of Sakhalin. This railroad uses some 60,000 tons yearly. Messrs. Clarkson & Company have several mines of fairly good coal; but it is not uniform in quality; they can deliver in Vladivostok at 8 rubles (17s. 2d.) per ton.

Most of the coal produced here is lignite and friable. The Chinese Eastern Fleet is an important consumer, and from 10 to 15 steamers are expected to be fitted to the service.

The Russian naval squadron in the Pacific uses foreign coal—mostly Japanese—to the value of 1,000,000 rubles (£100,000) annually.

The Government some years ago made a special examination of the coal in the South Ussuri section. The report mentioned especially some mines at Su-Chau, near the Su-Chau River, 20 versts (13.2 miles) from the beach—some 60 miles from Vladivostok by sea and nearly 100 miles by land. The coal is anthracite and is pronounced superior to that of Japan in quality. This mine was formally opened in January, 1902. Active work has been begun and a railroad will connect the mine with the Ussuri line, making transportation to this port easier. The money has been appropriated. The demand for all departments around Vladivostok, exclusive of the naval need, is estimated at 100,000 to 120,000 tons for the current year.

The local supply has made perceptible inroads on Japanese imports. In 1899, Japan sent 92,156 tons worth of coal; in 1900, 8,862 tons.

The American Consul reports that the whole Maritime Province is rich in all kinds of minerals. The region about St. Olga Bay has iron ore, the percentage of which is said to be higher than that of the Urals. There is also much silver and lead about Olga. The distance from St. Olga Bay to the Ussuri Railroad is from 170 to 200 versts (112 to 132.6 miles).

The coal mines near Newchwang connected with the Russian railway of which so much was expected two years ago have not proved a success; the Lu-sheng mines near Wa-fang-tien in the south of the Liaotung Peninsula have been shut down owing to the inferior quality of the coal, and the output from the mines near Yen-tai between Liao-yang and Moulken, which were flooded from old workings during exceedingly heavy rains in August last year, is as yet comparatively small. Up to the present the railway has been dependent for the most part on Japanese coal and on limited supplies from native workings in the interior.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

FOREIGN WARSHIP IN INLAND WATERS.

A CHINESE PROTEST.

The Shanghai Taotai Yuan Hsu-yuan has recently written to the Consuls in that port raising objections to foreign war-vessels going into Chinese inland waters, without preliminary notice. The despatch reads as follows:—"According to the instructions from the Acting High Commissioner Li Ming-chang of the Southern Ports, I hereby indite this despatch. On the 16th October, 1902, the Acting Governor Ko Feng-shih, of Kiangsi, received reports from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and the Taotai at Kiukiang to the effect that during the month of July and August last, the British war-vessels *Pique*, *Matine* and *Rosario* arrived at Kiukiang from Hankow and on the 28th July, 1902, at 4 p.m. they went into the Poyang lake. Again the Japanese war-vessel *Atago* also arrived at Kiukiang at noon on 29th July last and went into the Poyang lake on the 30th, while again the British war vessel *Teal* which arrived Kiukiang at 3 p.m. on the 31st July last from Shanghai, proceeded, on the 2nd August, into the Poyang lake. The Bureau as well as the Taotai on one side have warned the local official to "protect" the warships while on the other hand, they made reports on the Provincial Governor. The Bureau and the Taotai say that the excuse of the foreign war vessels visiting the Yangtze river is for the protection of their nationals in the open ports. But the Poyang lake is a sheet of inland water in the Province of Kiangsi; there is no open port on its shores, and there are no foreign merchants or foreign buildings thereon. These foreign war-vessels simply went into the lake on their way up the Yangtze and they have not gone there because of a gale or strong wind. The Bureau and the Taotai have made inquiries of the British Consul at Kiukiang as to the object of the warship's visit to the Poyang Lake and the Consul answered that it was for the survey of the waterways. However, as they had given no preliminary notice of their coming the local officials surely could not tell when they were likely to arrive. Fortunately nothing wrong happened this time, but it is feared that ignorant people might think it rather unusual to have foreign war-vessels in the inland waterways of China and in case the crews of these vessels landed the natives might cause trouble, and the local officials, not knowing of the arrival of such war-vessels, might not be able to give full protection to the lives of crew so landed! After officials in the Bureau and Taotai had duly discussed the matter they decided to refer the question to the Superintendent of Southern Ports (Viceroy at Nanking) and to get him to send a despatch to the Consuls-General of those powers at Shanghai whose war-vessels have thus visited the lake and to ask them not to send any more war ships unless they have some official business on the inland waterways and the lake. In case of there being any necessity for their going to the lake the consuls should write a despatch to that effect at least ten days ahead, so as to enable the officials give the ships due protection. Therefore they petitioned the Viceroy at Nanking to write to the Consuls at Shanghai to inform the commanders of foreign war-vessels on the matter. The Viceroy having consented to the petition, now through the Taotai of Shanghai, makes an intimation to the same effect (to the Consuls).

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 11.50 a.m. the barometer has risen quickly in SW. Japan and moderately on the China coast.

The depression has moved into the Pacific to the E. of N. Japan.

Pressure is high over Central China, Strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel and N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N. winds; fine.

Intimation.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1902.

BUILDING SUPERVISION IN HONGKONG.

The circumstances of the lamentable collapse of two houses in Second Street in the early part of August and the consequent loss of four lives, have been made the subject of searching investigations both at the Magistracy and at the Supreme Court. In the first instance, Mr. F. A. Hazeland, sitting as a Coroner, conducted an inquiry into the cause of the deaths of the deceased, whether it was attributable to criminal negligence, and, if so who were the guilty persons. The jury found that the four persons died as the result of the collapse, which was brought about by criminal negligence on the part of two contractors, who were accordingly committed for trial on the charge of manslaughter. To their verdict the Coroner's jury added the following rider:—"We are of opinion that the sooner the Public Works Department is placed in a position to attend to the construction and alteration of buildings, the better will life be protected against the results of work done by unscrupulous, careless, or ignorant contractors." This in itself is worded sufficiently strong to call for more than passing comment, especially having regard to the fact that at previous inquiries of a similar nature the jurors have felt it their bounden duty to direct attention to the Public Works Department. At the investigation into the circumstances attending the collapse of Nos. 30 and 32 Kowloon City Road the rider was:—"We are of opinion that having regard to the area of the wall its thickness was insufficient." That it reflects on the building authority in Hongkong there cannot be the least doubt. Much stronger, however, was the rider to the jury's verdict at the Magistracy when investigation was being conducted into the cause of the collapse of 50, First Street, West Point, and in connection with which a native contractor was sent for trial for criminal negligence. That jury did not beat around the bush, but spoke to the point. "The Government has grossly neglected its duty," was their view of the matter. In addition to these strong remarks it is of importance to note that the common juries at the Criminal Sessions have endorsed the opinions expressed at the Coroner's inquiries regarding the Public Works Department. In the West Point case, where a contractor indicted for manslaughter was discharged the jury expressed the opinion that, "the supervision at present exercised by the Public Works Department over the demolition and alteration of buildings is inadequate," while the result of yesterday's trial, which ended in a great surprise for judge, counsel and, no doubt, contractors regarding the collapse of Nos. 10 and 12 Second Street, showed that the jury held similar views, for the following rider was added to their verdict of not guilty:—"The jury are of the unanimous opinion that the authorities should adopt more stringent measures to prevent houses being built in such a manner, as in this case over which we have given our verdict, where incompetent men are left entirely to themselves, without any supervision whatever, to erect houses in such a manner as to render them most dangerous for human habitation and the public at large."

Without entering upon the question of these abortive efforts to attach blame to the contractors or their numerous sub-contractors, one cannot abstain from expressing an opinion that, from the very outset of these proceedings the question which must have been uppermost in everyone's mind is how such pitiable occurrences are possible and whether they might not have been prevented. There is, we fear, no doubt about the answer. In this last, as in previous cases, the lives were sacrificed to the lack—one might almost say the criminal lack—of proper supervision. In the course of his evidence, Mr. Tooker, executive engineer, of the Public Works Department, stated that the plan submitted complied with the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance and no amendment or alteration was made to it by himself. He admitted that he did not inspect the alterations to the buildings during their progress, and pointed out that the Inspector of Buildings was the officer deputed to act on behalf of the D.P.W. In fact, he could not say whether anybody from the Public Works Department inspected the work during its progress or not. That Mr. Crisp did not there is no doubt whatever, for in his evidence he stated that never at any time did he inspect the additions and alterations to the houses in Second Street. In opening the case on behalf of the Crown, the Attorney-General submitted that the Public Works Department, which was generally used as "the proverbial red herring to draw across the trail, could not be used, happily, for this reason, that this house that had to be erected did not come within the section which required a certificate from the Public Works Department before occupation." Really! What a delightful method of white-washing our red herring. No mention was made of another side of the question. Let us turn for an instant to the reply of Mr. H. P. Tooker, as the then Acting Director of Public Works, given to the Chairman of the Retirement Committee on the 18th June, 1894. We find that he said, "For all new buildings and new works (we take it additions to old buildings) will be recognised as new works) in the Colony plans have to be submitted under the Building Ordinance." Plans were submitted. Then to another question, he replied, "when plans are submitted and the work started, it is my duty to see that the plans are adhered to and the notices under the Building Ordinance are adhered to; Mr. Hazeland assists me in going round the town to attend to that work." Then Mr. Hazeland's duty as an executive engineer was defined. "He looks after the plans submitted under the Building Ordinance, points out defects in the plans, and after they are passed he supervises the outdoor work, he sees that the work is carried out in accordance with the plans." The witness afterwards said, and this is of equal importance, "Well, you see no one has any idea of the difficulty of looking after a Chinese contractor except he experiences it himself. The buildings are continually under repair and if you leave a Chinese contractor to work by himself—put on a new roof for instance—it is ten to one that he will scamp the work and make a bad job of it." Comment is almost superfluous; let us turn back again to the question under review. How came it that sanction to make alterations and additions to the premises was given by the P.W.D. without making the necessary examination. Surely it ought not to be possible for plans to be carried through the office of the P.W.D. until some responsible officials have been satisfied that the buildings will bear the contemplated alteration and additions. Does not the *ex post facto* given by this latest collapse investigation amount to an admission that the check supposed to be exercised by the Government Department in building operations in Hongkong is practically a myth? How many more lives are going to be lost during the coming rainy season by further collapses is impossible to state. But it is monstrous that in a British colony, where labour is so cheap and where it is known that work will be sublet over and over again, the authorities should go on the assumption that because plans have been submitted and formally passed buildings will stand typhoons and rain and continual hacking by native contractors. It is time Government recognized that the law is for the purpose of preventing and not detecting crime.

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THE QUARRY BAY AFFAIR.—From latest reports we learn that three out of the seven Indian watchmen, who were attacked by over one thousand Chinese at the Quarry Bay shipbuilding yard, expired yesterday.

MORNING SERVICE at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenside, on Christmas Day will be held at nine o'clock when Mass in Latin by Haydn will be sung. Orchestral accompaniment will be conducted by Mr. E. Dagenberg.

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HONGKONG ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—A Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Army Rifle Association will be held on the Kowloon Rifle Ranges, on the 7th and 8th January for Native troops, and on the 9th and 10th January for British troops.

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THE FRENCH MAIL.—Owing to the recent strike at Marseilles, the M.M. Australian liner *Armand Lhu*, which should have left Marseilles on the 30th ult., in consequence of which the *Calédonia*, left Marseilles on the 23rd ult. for China via Bombay to connect with the *Armand Lhu* at Colombo, has to await her there, and will probably be six or seven days late here. —N.C.D.N.

MISS JANET WALDORF'S CO.—After a record season here it is natural that so popular a dramatic company as Miss Janet Waldorf's should be missed by Hongkong theatre-goers. Their return season will no doubt be eagerly looked forward to particularly as the announcement of the company give promise of some very delectable entertainments. The Company return to Hongkong in time to resume the season on Boxing Night.

BAZAAR OF TOYS.—The Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Union desires us to thank our readers for their kind support to the Catholic Union Bazaar of Toys which yielded about \$1,200. They are invited to attend the tea party, which it is proposed to give to the poor children in the rooms of the Club House on Christmas Day at 3 p.m. The dinner for the old people will take place in the Homes of the Aged and Infirm, Wanchai, on New Year's Day.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.—M. Ispatoff, Russian Postmaster, says that he is in receipt of a further telegram regarding transit of mail matter via Siberia to Europe, which states that provided letters, etc., bear Russian stamps and are forwarded through the Russian Posts Agency they will be accepted for transmission by the route. It should be explained that the former telegram referred to the dispatch of *closed mail*, arrangements for which have not yet been made.

VICTORIA LODGE.—At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 106 E. C., last evening the Deputy District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, Worshipful Brother E. C. Ray, attended with his officers and installed Bro. E. H. Ray as Worshipful Master. He invested his officers as follows:—Senior Warden, Bro. C. W. Longuet; Junior Warden, Bro. C. H. G. W.; Treasurer, Bro. E. Mirow; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gordin; Senior Deacon, Bro. J. H. Swan; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. C. Barrett; Organist, Pro. C. F. G. Grimble; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. J. G. Whitley; Inner Guard, Bro. P. W. Goldring; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone.

FRENCH TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.—The *Echo de Chine* states that the steamer *Amiral Egleman* has been chartered by the French Government to take away the French garrison from Shanghai. The withdrawal will be completed in one operation, probably on the 24th or 25th of this month, as soon as the necessary preparations for the conveyance of the horses and mules of the battery of artillery can be made on the transport. The Shanghai garrison will relieve the detachment now at Kuangchow, Lt. Colonel Diguet, the Commander, will proceed from Kuangchow to Tongking, where he will have the command of an important military district, a post usually held by a full colonel.

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NAVAL NOTES.

H.M. destroyer *James* docked at Kowloon yesterday.

S.M. flagship *Furst Blumenth* left No. 1 Kowloon Dock yesterday.

The British Flagship *Albion* arrived from Bangkok this morning with Rear-Admiral Harry T. Grenfell. She will remain here for Christmas and New Year.

ARMY NOTES.

Colonel G. A. Hughes, D.S.O. Roy's Army Medical Corps, has obtained six months' leave of absence.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.—G. Girault.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this morning in the Council Chamber. There were present:—His Excellency the Governor (Sir H. A. Blake, K.C.M.G.), His Excellency Major General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., (Officer Commanding the Troops), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir H. Spencer Berkeley, K.B. (Attorney General), Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark, (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. A. M. Thomson, (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. W. Chatham, (Director of Public Works), Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. C. S. Sharp, Hon. G. W. F. Playfair, Hon. R. Sheehan, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei A Yuk and Mr. C. Clementi, (Acting Clerk of Councils).

The meeting was called for the further consideration of the bye-laws and amendments to the Public Health and Buildings Bill.

H. E. proposed to take the bye laws that had not been amended by numbers and thus save time.

This was assented to and the further reading of the Committee was proceeded with.

Regarding the bye law relating to the importation of animals, reading "no animal shall be landed at any wharf in Kowloon except the Police wharf at Yau-mai," Mr. Sharp thought that the landing of, say, a shipment of cattle from Australia should be allowed at more convenient wharves.

After discussion the suggestion was not adopted.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Bill should be amended to read "compensation shall" instead of "may" be given in cases where property is damaged while disinfecting.

H. E. thought that if property was damaged compensation ought to be given.

The Hon. Sir Spencer Berkeley, however, opined that in the case of a person having, say, a sack of straw containing all kinds of vermin it was not right to give compensation.

Dr. Ho Kai fought hard for the amendment and both sides being persistent a division was taken. The "noes" gained by one vote, those voting "for" being the Hons. Playfair, Sharp, Rumsey, Ho Kai, and Wei Yuk, and those against the Hons. Chatham, Thompson, Sir W. Gascoigne, May, Clark, and Sir H. S. Berkeley.

A further amendment was made to read "where a case of infection has been reported no charge shall be made for the cost of cleansing and disinfection." On the suggestion of Dr. Ho Kai supported by H. E., added to this were the words "and reasonable compensation for property destroyed or damaged shall in such cases be given."

The Council adjourned at one o'clock till 3 p.m.

(Proceeding.)

ENTERIC FEVER IN MACDONNELL ROAD AND MURRAY BARRACKS.

RECOMMENDATION BY MEDICAL OFFICER.

At this evening's meeting of the Sanitary Board, discussion ensued regarding an outbreak of enteric fever in MacDonnell Road and Murray Barracks.

The Medical Officer of Health had reported:—"Three cases of enteric fever having recently occurred in MacDonnell Road I recommend that the Board should at once issue warning letters to all the tenants on this road and Kennedy Road that great care must be taken by them to boil all water before it is used for drinking or for washing salads or vegetables which are eaten raw. Most of these houses are collecting water from the runnels on the hill side at the back of their houses, and here is reason to believe that this water may be contaminated."

The Secretary of the Sanitary Board then forwarded the following letter to the tenants:—"Three cases of enteric fever having recently occurred in MacDonnell Road I am directed by the Board to warn you that great care should be taken by you to boil all water before it is used for drinking or for washing salads or vegetables which are eaten raw. The servants in most of the houses on MacDonnell Road and Kennedy Road are collecting water from runnels on the hill side at the back of the houses, and there is reason to believe that the water may be contaminated."

The M. O. H. also recommended:—"In view of the occurrence of a case of enteric fever in Murray Barracks, I recommend that a similar letter to those sent to the residents on MacDonnell and Kennedy Roads be sent to the P. M. O. of H. M. forces with reference to all buildings in military occupation between Queen's Road East, and MacDonnell Road. A letter was accordingly despatched."

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

THE INSPECTION OF SHIPPING.

Regarding the prevalence of cholera in Manila, letters were laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The Colonial Secretary wrote to the British Consul at Manila, on the 1st inst., to the following effect:—"With reference to your letter of the 12th ult. and previous correspondence, I am directed to inquire whether in your opinion it would be safe for this Government to rescind the proclamation of the 7th of last July declaring Manila to be an infected port, and whether it is true that there has been a recrudescence of cholera in Manila."

In reply the following communication was sent:—"With reference to your letter of the 1st inst., I have the honour to report that there has been a fresh outbreak of cholera since 14th last month and that cases are, as you will see by yesterday's return, still occurring."

The M. O. H. minute: The inspection of the shipping should be continued.

THE PRAYA EAST COLLAPSE.

ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Magistracy this afternoon the inquiry into the collapse of No. 45 Praya East was concluded.

The jury was asked to reply to the following questions:—

(1) What was the cause of the deaths of the deceased?

(2) Were the deaths of the deceased due to criminal negligence?

(3) If "yes," what person or persons were guilty of such criminal negligence?

After retiring for thirty minutes the jury replied:—

(1) That the deaths of the deceased were due to the collapse of No. 45 Praya East.

(2) That the deaths of the deceased were due to criminal negligence.

(3) The persons guilty of such criminal negligence were Messrs. Leigh and Orange, the architects, and we cannot lay any particular blame on any one in the Public Works Department, but consider that the officers did not do their duty. Messrs. Leigh and Orange entered into a personal bond, and the contractor's bail was fixed at \$5,000.

The architects and contractor were then committed for trial at the next criminal sessions for manslaughter.

A HONGKONG COPYRIGHT.

INT. RESTING CASE AT SUPREME COURT.

An interesting copyright case came on before the Puisne Judge, His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, Lo Sing Lau, a clerk in the Marine Surveyor's office, and the defendant did not appear.

Plaintiff said his Ning Po book was intended for Ning Po people desirous of learning English. He got it from his mother-in-law, who obtained it from her nephew.

What did you do with it?—I borrowed English to fix on to Canton dialect, but as to characters, Ning Po are entirely different from Cantonese. I also used sentences of my own. To do the work it took ten months, working two hours a day.

Mr. Pollock explained that different characters were required to produce the same sound in English when dealing with the Ning Po and Canton dialects. Plaintiff proceeded to state that the book was published in May, 1896 and registered in Hongkong at the Registrar General's office shortly afterwards. He was sole proprietor of the copyright.

The defence states that in or about 1895 you were employed to revise the Ning Po book?—It is not true.

In the subsequent evidence it was stated that the plaintiff gave \$10 to the man from whom his mother-in-law obtained the suggestion. Of the first edition of the book, 1,000 copies were sold at \$1 each bound, and 75 cents paper cover, and of the second edition, 2,000 copies were sold at \$1.25 and \$1, while a third edition ran into 2,000 copies, 1,000 of which were sold at the same price as the second edition. They had proved very lucrative to the compiler.

Mr. Pollock then put in as an exhibit a copy of an imitation that had come to the plaintiff. This book entitled "English and Chinese, Self Taught" was an exact copy of the plaintiff's book, with the exception of the preface, tone marks and size of characters.

His Lordship examined half a dozen pages of the two books at random and found them to be exactly the same, and furthermore, Mr. Pollock pointed out that the defendant had copied mistakes out of the plaintiff's book.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. Damages are to be assessed by the Registrar on the 5th January next after due notice of such to the defendant. If the defendant does not appear the plaintiff shall be awarded damages in the sum of \$700. The defendant furthermore shall deliver up to the plaintiff all copies of the infringing in his possession or power by 31st December, 1902.

THE VALUE OF LAND in Chefoo, like everything else, has gone up very much in price. Land in the district of the Lily Dugthwaite Hospital, which could be purchased a year or two ago for \$200 a mou, is now standing at six times that figure.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Princess Irene*) to-morrow.
American (*Hongkong Maru*) to-morrow.
Australian (*Chinglu*) 25th inst.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Manila*, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst. at 6 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nippon Maru* with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 19th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.V.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 22nd inst., and left again at 7 p.m., same day, for Kobe when she is due to arrive at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Pera* with mails, &c., which left hence on the 20th ult. for San Francisco via Shanghai, Hongkong, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 19th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China* with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 3rd inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama and will leave for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the morning of the 23rd inst.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.—G. Girault.

TELEGRAMS.

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The Venezuelan Dispute.
BLOCKADE COMMENCED.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINER LEAVES.

BERLIN, 22nd December, 5.55 pm.

To-day at London and Berlin identical notes will be delivered containing the clauses of reserve under which arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute will be agreed to. America's answer is expected soon. The blockade commenced as a war-blockade on the 20th inst. The Hamburg-Amerika Liner *Siberia* will leave with men for the blockade ships in Venezuela.

Macedonia and Turkey.

VIENNA, 22nd December.

Count Lambsdorff has left for Sophia. The Austrian press recommends the most far going action in Macedonia, even if necessary against Turkey, which up to the present Russia has avoided advocating.

The Commercial Treaties.

INDIRECT REPORT.

The report that the new Commercial Treaties will be brought before the present Reichstag is not correct.

(R. U. R. S.)

British Columbia and the Japanese.

LONDON, December 21st.

Notwithstanding the disallowance by the Dominion Government of several British Columbian Acts affecting the Japanese, nineteen Japanese have been imprisoned at Vancouver for non-compliance with the educational test. They were subsequently released at the instance of the Government.

The Humbert Crawford Frauds.

The whole of the Humbert family concerned in the notorious Crawford frauds have been arrested at Madrid.

LATER.

Accouchement of the Princess of Wales.

H. R. H. the Princess of Wales has given birth to a son. Mother and son are both doing well.

Venezuela.

Great Britain and Germany have proclaimed the blockade of Venezuelan ports, and this will not be relaxed until Venezuela gives some sort of guarantee of her *bona fides* and readiness to satisfy the claims of the Powers. It has been suggested that President Roosevelt be arbitrator on the points at issue, and the suggestion has been transmitted to General Castro who has accepted. Three Venezuelan schooners have already been seized by the British under the blockade.

(Shanghai Mercury.)

Asiatics in Canada.

ENACTMENTS DISALLOWED.

LONDON, 15th December. The Government of the Dominion of Canada has disallowed three of the British Columbian enactments, one of which forbade immigrants, who were unable to write a European language, another forbade the employment of Japanese and Chinese on works holding provincial franchises, and the third prohibited the employment of Chinese and Japanese in mines unless they could speak English.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on Tuesday, the 30th December, at 3 p.m.:

To the shareholders of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.
Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The net profits for the twelve months, after paying charges and all running expenses and making provision for Auditors' fees, amount to \$38,052.80. To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$11,923.22.

And from this has to be deducted remuneration to General Managers (5% on gross earnings) \$4,292.84. Leaving available for appropriation, \$37,630.38.

Your General Managers and Consulting Committee recommend that a Dividend of \$18 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$22,500, that \$5,000 be written off. Felling Stock and \$1,240.25 off Stations and Shelters that \$5,000 be transferred to Permanent Reserve

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and the balance, viz., \$3,890.13, be carried to new Profit and Loss Account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, Mr. C. Ewins, the Hon. C. W. Dickson and Mr. J. Orange retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

DIRECTORS.

In the absence of Mr. Fullerton Henderson from the Colony, the Accounts have been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts and Mr. A. R. Lowe. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Potts offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

BALANCE-SHEET.

For the year ending 30th November, 1902.

Liabilities.	
Capital account, 1,250 shares of \$100 each fully paid up.....	\$125,000.00
Permanent Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Unclaimed Dividends	340.00
Local and General Liabilities.....	3,951.85
Profit and Loss: brought forward	\$ 3,870.42
Profit and Loss: for current year	38,052.80
	\$191,215.07

ASSETS.

Permanent Way, Concession and Deed of Grant	\$ 25,000.00
Stations, Crown Leaseholds, and Buildings (Inland Lots 1,317, 1,332, 1,333, 1,334, 1,335, 1,353 and R. B. Lot 80)	12,240.25
Rolling Stock	35,410.89
Furniture Account	12.00
Coals and Stores in hand	726.40
Accounts Receivable	1,189.86
Cash in H. & S. Bank \$14,235.98	
Cash and Comptrolors' Orders in hand	1,986.69
	16,222.67
	\$191,215.07

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
To Salaries and Wages	\$19,780.86
Charges	3,027.62
Maintenance and Repairs	70,509.88
Coals and Stores	9,479.28
Interest	24.09
Rates, Crown Rent, and Fire Insurance	1,034.01
Godown and Station Rent	\$2,100.00
Less Sundry Rents received	640.66
Office Rent and Clerks' Salaries	1,459.34
&c.	3,000.00
Balance	4,923.22
	\$89,728.30

By Amount brought forward from last year

Transfer Fees	1.00
Traffic Receipts for the year to date	85,856.88
	\$89,728.30

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and found it to be correct.

W. HUTTON OTTS, Auditor.

A. P. LOWE,

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 20th.

SECRET SOCIETY DENOUNCED. The Prefect of Canton has issued a proclamation denouncing a society which has been formed in Sam Shui for the collecting and doing reverence to the printed or written character. The Prefect has, or is supposed to have, discovered in this society an organization with revolutionary tendencies. In other words, this society has taken a harmless name to hide its evil deeds. The society may be all right, but this shows that the officials are on the alert. There are so many rumours about that we are apt to put them all down as groundless, and there is no doubt that most of them are.

OPIMUM MONOPOLY.

According to the native papers the opium farmers have demanded a return of the \$7,000,000 they had advanced on the opium contract. The officials have not been able to make their part of the contract good and the farmers will not modify it, but request a return of their money. The officials are not likely to return such a large sum of money after it has once been in their hands.

CANTON, 21st December, 1902.

SECRET MEETINGS.

The Chief of Police, Mr. Kung, last Friday issued a proclamation to the effect that he has knowledge of a band of rebels and robbers who are holding meetings and council at night in the city, and in consequence he warns the people not to walk or sleep in the streets at dark. The notice further says that if there are any people too poor to go to an ordinary sleeping house they must go to the beggars' institutions and if these institutions have not sufficient funds to provide for them, the Yamen will compensate them.

COPPER.

The price of copper has risen during the last week 9% here owing to large orders from Shanghai.

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An edict from Peking has been received by the Acting Viceroy, enjoining the reformed methods of training now in use with the Chinese troops in the North and ordering the same methods and drills to be instituted in Hunan, On Fai, Kwangsi, Santung, Samsi. These provinces are to send representatives, and a number of men to be instructed in the new drills, &c.

FOUND AT HONGKONG.

The British Consul visited the Nam Hoi this afternoon to witness sentence being passed on a man who had stolen something like 2,500 dollars and absconded to Hongkong and was found in the H. & K. Wharf and Godowns.

CANTON, December 22nd.

WAR ON ROBBERS.

The Nam Hoi has determined to wage war on the robbers! Scores of hames of robbers have been sent into the Nam Hoi and for many of these persons rewards have been offered. The Nam Hoi has become convinced that to get hold of these old offenders is the best way to break up the robber bands. A deputy has been appointed with instructions to secure all persons against whom charges have been made.

TUNG KUN MAGISTRATE.

It is not often that the people in a district take notice of the removal of their magistrate. Tung Kun is an exception. The people are sending in petitions to have Lau Tak Hang retained. This is the district in which Mr. Evans was done to death and Lau's removal is connected with that occurrence.

HOUSE TAX IN WAI CHAU.

The people of Wai Chau have been remiss in paying the house tax. A deputy was sent to hurry matters up. Now the people have sent petitions accusing the deputy of extorting large sums from them for his own use.

EXECUTIONS.

The Nam Pui Magistrate had twenty-three heads taken off yesterday.

THE NATIVE INFANTRY IN TONKIN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Haiphong, December.

In consequence of the new plan for the defence of this colony the French military authorities have recently created an additional regiment of native infantry. Formerly there were 4 corps, designated as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tirailleurs Tonkinois. The first three regiments have 4 battalions of 4 companies each, the two last (i.e., including the new 5th Regiment), have only 3 battalions of the same strength. Until a few months ago, each company had an effect of 250 natives (non-coms. and men), they have now been reduced to a total of 188. The former total strength of the 4 regiments was 15,000 men. At present the creation of the new corps and the reduction of the companies' effect place the same at 15,040. Each regiment has a "cadre" of French officers and non-coms. composed as follows:—One colonel, per regiment, and one adjutant (adjutant major) per regiment, one major, per battalion, one captain, one lieutenant, one sub-lieutenant and 12 non-coms. per company or a total of 15 Europeans for each company.

The depot of the 1st Rgt. is at Panoi, the 2nd at Seven Pagodas, the 3rd Namdinh, the 4th Sontay, and the 5th Phulan (near Haiphong). Thus, these troops are disposed within easy reach by rail or river of the chief points of likely mobilization, viz., Hanoi and Haiphong. The relative value of these regiments, as a fighting unit is very doubtful; indeed during the campaigns against the De-Nam, De-Tam and Lum-ky in 1890-91-92, the companies recruited from the De-la population, (these compose about four fifths of the effect), were responsible for several disasters and were of little use except for convoy and co. lie work. However, the few companies formed from men of the thes and muong, (mountain tribes of the upper Tonkin), performed several brilliant mirror operations and were generally the "eyes and ears" of the columns. Of course, the European officers and sergeants are excellent military material. There is, however, a great defect in the organisation of these corps, (a defect which has a great significance to those acquainted with our Indian army) for not 2% of the European "cadre" can speak the vernacular. Grave doubts have lately arisen as to the morale and fidelity of these troops. Indeed if any conclusions can be drawn from the *Entente* at Namdinh in June 1901 and the riot near Hanoi in July 1902 when Colonel Spitzer and several European soldiers were seriously wounded by some of the natives of the 1st Regiment led by their own sergeants, (natives of course), their discipline and fidelity seem to be of a doubtful quality. It is interesting to note that these men are armed with the Lebel carbine (effective range 2,500 metres) and the short sword bayonet.

COAST DEFENCES.

France is not only organising her army so as to make the best possible resistance to any attacks on her Indo-Chinese possessions, but the coast defences and new disposition of the fleet in the East are receiving all her attention. These dispositions are undoubtedly the results of an agreement with her Northern ally and the present visit of a Russian Admiral to Haiphong and Hanoi is some indication of the fact. Cape St. James, Hongay, the passes to Dalong Bay and the river to Haiphong are being seriously defended. The sums of money are being spent on forts and torpedo stations. As to the fleet it will be reorganised, and composed of three squadrons, two active and one in reserve, the last at Saigon. Amongst the ships in the two first will be the *Montcalm*, *Kleber*, *Chateaufort*, and

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Jurien de la Gravelle, *Pascal*, *Bugeaud*, and the smaller vessels *Alouette*, *Rengall*, *Surprise*, *Delight*, *Comble*, *Argus*, *Vigilante* and the *Obry*. At Saigon the *Redoubtable*, *Sixx*, and *Achiron*, ready for service, and the *Mauban*, *Aspie*, *Lion*, and *Viprie* in reserve. According to the decision of the Ministere de la Marine in June last, two submarines are to be stationed in Saigon and two in Haiphong. Whether these dispositions have since been modified is a question; if such is the case no mention has been made of it.

When one considers what happened on the 8th July, 1901, during the manoeuvres of the French Mediterranean fleet, when the submarine *Gustave Zede*, which had left Toulon 3 days previously, torpedoed the battleship *Charles Martel* in the harbour of Ajaccio in Corsica, it makes one "kind of speculate."

TERRIBLE OUTLOOK IN SOUTH CHINA.

News of a very alarming nature has just reached us regarding the rebellion in the South of China. Late yesterday evening, a few Chinese firms here received letters from Canton, stating that Kwangsi province was on the verge of a huge rebellion. This morning advices were received to the effect that the Kwangsi rebels had effected a juncture with the Kwai Chow rebels, and had entrenched themselves on the borders of Kwang Tung province. It is reported that over 30,000 men form the rebel band. They are divided into four sections, each under an able commander, and the whole army under one Tang, a former military graduate of Tientsin University, and who had seen active service in the China-Japan War. The rebels are reported to have amassed a large quantity of arms, besides rifles and quick-firing guns. Their avowed intention is to cross into Kwang Tung province, effect the capture of Canton, thence on to Fukien province, secure Chou-Chou-foo, wend their way through Chit-Kiang province, and strike into the very heart of the capital, Peking. It is currently reported that most of the rebel chiefs are reformers, and adherents of Kang Yu Wei, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Already a few towns along the borders of Kwang Tung province have felt the hands of the rebels. The old and infirm women, and children are made to look after the wants of the rebel army, whilst the young men are pressed into the service. Everything edible is commandeered, whilst any weapons found are collected. The authorities both in Kwang Si and Kwai Chow have repeatedly telegraphed direct to Canton and Peking for reinforcements to check the advances of the rebels, but evidently aid is not at hand, for we learn that the various troops stationed in each province are unable to cope with their own internal affairs. It is generally believed that the uniting of the two rebel armies is a preliminary to a general upheaval throughout the Flowery Land. The authorities were not ignorant of the recent movements of the rebels, but apparently they did not consider the rebellion in the South as very important, with the result that suddenly they are called upon to face the danger. As usual in such cases, the authorities in Canton, from the Acting Viceroy down to the least of the Yamen mandarins, are very reticent regarding the matter. There is, however, one fact to be recorded, that lately in Canton, the early closing of the City Gates by the authorities was only a plea to keep the populace from, as they assert, the robbers, but subsequent inquiries prove that the action so taken was to keep the spies of the rebels from entering the City after dusk. Events of a very grave nature are expected, and it is the general opinion among Chinese that before they enter upon the New Year, startling developments will take place throughout China. Such is native report.

Commercial.

THE SLUMP IN SILVER.

BOMBAY, November 28.

The leading feature during the past week has been the further slump in silver, the present price of which is far below any previous records. It is currently reported that heavy sales of American silver made in London on account of India were the original cause of the heavy decline advised this week. The value of silver and its effect on China exchanges is intimately connected with the trade of the port of Bombay, and the present course of prices is looked upon with gloomy apprehension by many connected with the "hi trade." It is generally anticipated that quotations of the metal may still go considerably lower than even the current rates.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

The following *resumé* of the week's share transactions is from Messrs. J. A. Sullivan & Co.'s report published on the 17th December. The approach of the clearance at the end of the year is affecting our markets adversely because of the difficulty of financing. To clear commitments speculators are using forcing measures and lower prices have resulted this week. The exigencies of these exceptional conditions nullify any attempt to improve matters. Demand on London is quoted to-day at 2.2 13/14. Consols 99 3/4. From Hongkong the 3 days' rate is 7 1/2.

Docks.—The tone of Farman Boyds has been steady. For cash and 31st settlement sales at Tls. 190/103 1/2, Tls. 192 1/2/190/191 1/2 are published. January shares have had attention at Tls. 195/194. March shares have been bought freely at Tls. 210 and for April Tls. 204 to Tls. 203 1/2 have been given. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are wanted at 52 1/2.

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present low range of prices. Sales of International have been made at Tls. 40, Ewas at Tls. 42 and Laou-Kung-Mows at Tls. 45. Should silver still further fall these shares are worth buying as a promising speculative investment.

Mining.—The prospects of gold mining in Wei-hai-wei are excellent judging from an expert's report. Chinese Engineering and Mining Coy. shares have been bought from Tls. 7 3/5 to Tls. 8 for cash and at Tls. 7 1/2 to Tls. 8.10 for clearance on settlement day. For March Tls. 8 1/2 is reported.

Tobacco.—Maatschappy in Langkat shares have fallen in value during the week and many sales are published for cash and settlement from Tls. 105/160 to Tls. 155/157 1/2. For January Tls. 162 1/2 has been done. March shares are reported sold at Tls. 172 1/2, 170 1/2 and for April from Tls. 177 1/2 to Tls. 170. The tone is quiet with an inclination to sell at last quotations.

EXCHANGE.

IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	117 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	117 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	117 9/16
D'ments, 4 months' sight	117 11/16
IN BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.63 1/2
IN PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	201
Credits, 4 months' sight	202 1/2
IN NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	39
Credits, 30 days' sight	39 1/2
IN BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	119 1/2
IN SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
Private 30 days' sight	nom.
IN YOKOHAMA, T.T.	29 1/2 % prem.
overseas, Bank's Buying Rate	\$12.45
Gold Leaf, touch, per tola	62 1/2
Silver	22 7/16

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

MALWA NEW	@ \$1,020/1,030
" OLDEST	@ 1,010/1,020
PATNA NEW	@ 99 1/2
BENGALS NEW	@ 98 1/2
PERSIAN (PAPER)	@ 700/750

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"	"PYRRHUS"	On 15th "	
"	"DIYMED"	On 28th "	
HOMEWARDS.			
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
LONDON	"ULYSSES"	On 23rd December.	
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.	
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 30th January.	
LONDON	"TELEMACHOS"	On 23rd February.	
AMSTERDAM and LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.	
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 20th January.	
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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	23rd December.	
"	"PAKING"	22nd January.	
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.	

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MAKESILLES, HAVRE, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	23rd December.
NAPLES, LEHORN and LONDON	"HYSON"	23rd December.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KOBE	"WUHU"	25th December.
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	27th "
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KALGA"	29th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	29th "

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FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 28th December.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 31st December
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 4th January.

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T. ARIMA, Manager.

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"MOGUL" About 6th Jan.

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Home 23rd December, 1902. [339d]

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STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZESS IRENE," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain G. Dannemann, due here with the outward German Mail about WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight, will leave for the above Places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [363c]



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STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SILESIA," Captain Ghezzi, will leave for the above places, on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

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SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1380d]

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"VICTORIA," Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above Port on or about SUNDAY, the 28th instant.

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"KUMANO MARU," 5,000 Tons, Captain E. W. Haswell, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 P.M.

This Well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIP, FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1374d]

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STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG," Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1411]

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"ROSETTA MARU," 3,876 Tons, Captain N. Tate, will be despatched hence for MANILA, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at Noon.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Rench, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

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DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1412]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, TWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"DENLOMOND," Captain Stutton, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st instant, instead of the 3rd instant as previously advertised.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1384d]

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THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept Fire, Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

EMMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th May 1902. [25]

Masonic.



EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1410d]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"VINDOBONA," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1194d]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to stand in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [874d]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "GAELIC,"

are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA," Captain Bahle, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY, the 18th instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1388d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALLARAT," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From London, &c., ex S.S. *Britannia*.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [14]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE," Captain C. H. Birch, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined

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STOCKS.			PAID UP VALUE.	LATEST QUOTATION.
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National Bank of China, Limited	£	8	\$27 sellers	
Do. Founders	£	1	\$10	
Marine Insurance.				
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$	50	\$460 buyers	
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25	\$58 sellers	
North China Insurance Company, Limited	£	25	Tsels 177½ buyers	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$	60	\$132 buyers	
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$	50	\$16½ sellers	
Fire Insurance.				
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	50	\$345 sellers	
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	20	\$84½ sellers	
Shipping.				
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$	15	\$36 sellers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	£	10	\$84 buyers	
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$	50	\$25 sellers	
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$	50	\$51½ sellers	
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$	10	\$23 buyers	
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	£	1	\$13 buyers	
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Tsels	100	£1.12/6 sales	
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Tsels	50	Tsels 290 sales	
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tsels	100	Tsels 55 sellers	
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tsels	100	Tsels 145 buyers	
Refineries.				
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100	\$85 buyers	
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100	\$12½ sellers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	Tsels	50	Tsels 73½ ex div.	
Mining.				
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$	10	\$2½ buyers	
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$	1	75 cents sellers	
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs	250	\$600 sellers	
Jobab Mining and Trading Company, Limited	£	5	\$14 sellers	
Satub Allan Gold Mining Company, Limited	£	185. 10d.	\$60 buyers	
China Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	£	1	Tsels 8.20 sales	

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$210 sales
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	Taels 100	Taels 185 sellers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$83 sellers
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$ 64	\$40 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 307½ sales
Lands, Hotels and Building.		
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$9.85 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$185 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	\$ 30	\$30 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$57 buyers

Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$	50	\$141 sellers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$	50	\$374 sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	\$	25	\$324 sales
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Taels	25	Taels 164 buyers
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Taels	25	Taels 25

Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$	10	\$12 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 125 sellers
Cotton Mills.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$	10	\$17 1/2 sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 40 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 40 sellers

Limited	Taels	100	Taels 41 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 42 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Taels	500	Taels 150
Tobacco, Cigar and Cigarette Company.			
Alhambra, Limited	\$	500	\$500 sellers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$	50	\$40 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company	\$	20	Taels 45 buyers
American Cigarette Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 40
Miscellaneous.			
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$	10	\$204 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$	15	\$25 sellers
AC S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$	10	\$141 sellers
Watkins, Limited	\$	10	\$74
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	5	\$1340 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	5	\$605 sales and sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	\$	10	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company Limited	\$	50	\$120 sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$	25	\$50 sellers

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$	25	\$240 sales and sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$	100	\$345
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$	6	\$11 sellers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited ..	\$	50	\$40 sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$	10	\$35
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	£	12s. 6d.	\$1 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agcy., Limited	\$	4	\$8.65 sales and buyers
Do. Founders	\$	10	\$15
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited	\$	5	nominal
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$	9	\$22 buyers
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Co., Limited	\$	7	\$81 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$	20	\$13 sellers
Rianan Crowder	\$	50	\$50

Royal Investment Co., Limited	\$	50	\$16 buyers
William Powell, Limited	\$	10	\$9 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn- en Bosch- en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Gulden	100	Tael 155 sellers
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VESSEL'S NAME	FROM	AGENTS	DUE
Hongkong Maru	Manila	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	To-morrow
Princess Irene	Singapore	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow
Chingtu	Kobe	Butterfield & Swire	December 25th
Pekin	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 26th
Benlawers	Singapore	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	December 28th
Manila	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 29th

rs.	Telemachus	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	December 31st
rs.	China	Japan	P. & S. S. Co.	December 31st
	Prometheus	Glasgow, &c.	Butterfield & Swire	January 8th
	Doric	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 8th
	Indravel	Portland, Or.	P. & S. S. Co.	January 10th

Nippon Maru	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 19th
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